

NEWSLETTER 16

Hi Fans!

As promised--news about the Australian tour.

During Aussie customs inspection, one of their consoles was totally destroyed when customs officers searched their equipment on the never ending search for drugs. But in spite of the lost console, Carpenters did a "standing room only" business throughout the entire tour. Tickets were sold out every where as well as the program books.

Australian sight seeing took them to a Koala Bear Farm where they were allowed to hold the cuddly baby bears. Karen wanted to bring one home, but Richard and the Aussie government nixed the idea so she settled for a stuffed one, three feet tall, to add to her collection. She named him "Sir Bear of Sydney." A friend took them yachting in the beautiful Bay of Sydney, and they also had ample time for shopping. Australia, they say, still has a long way to go. Besides bad roads, there is no FM radio and no color TV.

Someone posing as Karen caused a slight turmoil by calling the TV stations and giving misinformation concerning show tapings. The "Today" show was scheduled to be taped from their hotel suite. The imposter told the station that K&R had changed their minds and would tape at the TV station and then sent a cab to the hotel to take them there. It took a bit to iron out this wrinkle, but iron, they did and the show went on as scheduled at the Hotel.

In Adelaide, just two weeks away from winter, the hotel had no heat. Electric heaters were finally located to keep them warm. They drank bottled water there to avoid illness which the drastic change in tap water would have caused.

The lucky people of Melbourne will view a "Carpenter Special" TV show which was taped there. From Melbourne to Brisbane for another concert, then back to Sydney where gift-laden fans greeted their arrival at the airport.

Saying goodbye to Australia they headed for Hong Kong, refueling on the way at Port Moresby in Manilla. They landed on the main island of China and were ferried to Hong Kong where promoter Andrew Eu held a dinner party in their honor in one of his castles. (He owns three). Dinner was served Chinese style--chopsticks and all. Karen managed the sticks thru everything but the fish. They eluded her. Wise Richard used his fork. Another sell-out concert there and more shopping. They especially enjoyed the HK jewelry stores with their brilliant displays of beautiful diamonds and many colored jade.

At the Tokyo Airport they were mobbed by fans and two body guards were finally sent in to protect them. They did another "Carpenter Special" for Tokyo TV and were then "bulleted" to Osaka, on the Bullet train, for concerts there. During the 3 hour ride they battled their lunch which insisted on tipping into their laps due to the extreme speed of the train.

In Kyoto at the Miako Hotel they found themselves in somewhat of a maze which ended at rooms that were much too small. An elevator took them to the sixth floor where they had to get off, wind their way to another wing and take a second elevator to the eleventh floor. They checked out of there in a hurry and found more convenient quarters at Hotel Fujita. They played three concerts in Osaka and laughed over shower troubles. At one hall they found themselves without towels. In another, there were individual showers but all were in one room! Their third concert there was at 2:00PM and it was followed by an evening concert by "CHICAGO" who sent a huge bouquet of flowers to R & K.

The narrow Japanese streets seem to be a challenge to the cab drivers who use them as a race track, speeding furiously up and down making "dodgers" out of all pedestrians. Japanese freeways are two lanes only--not four or five like ours.

Mom and Dad C met K&R in Tokyo and enjoyed two wonderful weeks in beautiful Japan. Dad especially enjoyed the fantastic Japanese gardens.

Among the huge pile of gifts bestowed upon them was a gorgeous Japanese doll (for Karen), three feet high encased in glass. Richard was the recipient of a very lovely and rare Suzuki Harp. This was King Records way of saying "Thanks for the beautiful music."

On the way home, customs inspection was made in Honolulu where the flight was detained for 2 hours because of the tremendous load of Carpenter baggage which included 5 tons of concert equipment. Standing in a long line, their hands & under-arms full of additional boxes & shopping bags, they shoved 76 pieces of luggage

inch by inch ahead of them with their feet.

At LA Airport I met a weary family filled with happy memories of a beautiful tour.

More next month,
EV

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